

CITY OF BISHOP
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Crom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Pastor Rick Klug of the Calvary Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Connolly.
COUNCIL PRESENT	Griffiths, Cullen, Dishion, Connolly, Crom
COUNCIL ABSENT	None
OTHERS PRESENT	Richard Pucci, City Administrator Cheryl Solesbee, Accounting Secretary Peter Tracy, City Attorney Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director Ray Seguire, Fire Chief Kathleen Sheehan, Police Chief David Grah, Public Works Director Gary Schley, Public Services Officer Bob Kimball, City Treasurer
PUBLIC COMMENT	The Mayor announced the public comment period. No public comment was given.
PRESENTATIONS	
Residential Beautification Awards (1)	The Council presented residential beautification awards to Dwayne Wilson for his rental property at 387 East Line Street and Carol Hice for her residence at 563 Home Street.
Charles Broten – Former Director of I.M.A.A.A. (2)	Charles Broten was presented with a city tile in appreciation of his public service to the community as Director of the Inyo Mono Area Agency on Aging and the Inyo Mono Senior Program from 1980 – 2007.
CONSENT CALENDAR (3) Motion/Cullen	A motion was made by Councilmember Cullen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: FOR APPROVAL AND FILING (a) Personnel Status Change Report (b) Fund Transactions – 7/1/07 – 1/31/08 (c) Warrant Register – 1/08 FOR INFORMATION AND FILING (d) Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes – 12/18/07 (e) Fire Department Activity Log - 1/08 (f) Public Works Report – 1/08 (g) Public Works Permit Report – 1/08

The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Cullen, Dishion, Griffiths, Crom. Abstained: Connolly

CORRESPONDENCE – NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

Senator Ashburn Letter
Relating to Request to
Verizon to Complete Loop
System in Eastern Sierra
(4)

Correspondence from Senator Ashburn was recently received in response to the City’s request for his assistance in encouraging Verizon to complete the “loop” system in the Eastern Sierra to prevent the intermittent loss of the emergency 9-1-1- system. The letter was provided to the Council for their information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposition 4 – 2006-2007
California Constitution
Article XIII B Appropriations
Limit and Calculations
(5)

The Mayor opened a public hearing to receive public input on the City of Bishop 2006-2007 Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit and Calculations. Staff reported this is part of the annual required process. No public comment was given. The final adoption of the appropriations limit is scheduled for February 25, 2008. The public hearing was closed.

Environmental Review
Vons – A Safeway Company
1190 D North Main Street
(6)

Tim Pitts from Censource, the sign company representing Vons was available to answer any questions. Staff reported that with the elimination of one sign the total square footage that will be requested for the conditional use permit from the Planning Commission will be reduced from 442 to 406.5.

Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Negative Declaration
Vons Fuel Center
1190 D North Main Street
(7)

Councilmember Griffiths stated he had several concerns but not all of them deal with environmental issues. The issues that do not impact this decision are:

- The sign at the entrance on Spruce Street on the southeast corner is low and obstructs the view of traffic from the north when existing onto Spruce. He suggested raising the sign to improve traffic safety.
- He requested that fugitive lighting from the complex be contained and not allowed to escape.

Concerns relating to the environmental for increased signage:

- Relating to the signage at Highway 395 that will be used to display gas prices, etc., he questioned whether more signage will be needed as more development occurs in the complex.
- Relating to southbound traffic flow he expressed concerns about unsafe turns into the complex from Highway 395.

Motion/Connolly

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to accept the environmental assessment and adopt the negative declaration and file a notice of determination that the project involves no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife, native plants, streams, water courses, scenic or historic resources and human beings. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JOINT
USE AGREEMENT – After
School Enrichment Program
(8)
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths made a motion to approve the Joint Use Agreement for the After School Enrichment Program between the City of Bishop and the Bishop Elementary School District. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO WAIVE
THE HIRING FREEZE TO
FILL SEASONAL PART
TIME POSITIONS
(9)
Motion/Connolly

Mayor Pro Tem Connolly made a motion to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Community Services Department to fill part time seasonal position. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR STREET
CLOSURE – May 14, 2008
Portion of West Pine Street
Every 15 Minutes Program
(10)
Motion/Cullen

Councilmember Cullen made a motion to approve the street closure of West Pine between Home and Schley Streets on May 14, 2008 for the presentation of *Every 15 Minutes* between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with the placement of “No Parking” signs at 6:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO SURPLUS
PROPERTY - City,
Unclaimed Found and
Unclaimed Evidence –
Police Department
(11)
Motion/Griffiths

Councilmember Griffiths recommended that the infant car seat listed should be removed. Due to safety issues they are not allowed to be resold. He made a motion to declare the designated property as surplus to the needs of the City and authorized the City Administrator to dispose of the property in a manner best suited. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

FRANK CROM, MAYOR

Attest: Richard F. Pucci, City Clerk

By: _____
Cheryl Solesbee, Accounting Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 25, 2008